

REMARKS

Claims 1 through 23 are presently pending in this application.

The specification has been corrected at paragraph 66 (page 13, line 18) to change “reaches” and “reached” to “passes” and “passed,” respectively.

The specification has been further corrected at paragraph 66 (page 14, line 1) to change “operating” to “suspending.” The amendment is to correct an obvious error because, in view of the specification and the figures, “S120” cannot be the same as “S90,” and “S120” comes after “S100,” *i.e.*, “circulation pump stop.” (In In re Oda, the court held that an amendment to correct an obvious error does not constitute new matter where one skilled in the art would not only recognize the existence of error in the specification, but also the appropriate correction. In re Oda, 443 F.2d 1200, 170 USPQ 260 (CCPA 1971)).

Thus, no new matter has been added by this amendment.

Amendments have been made to Figs. 3 and 4.

“TEMPERATURE SENSOR” of the reference number 44 in Fig. 3 has been corrected to “LEVEL SENSOR” to correlate with the specification which, at page 9, line 8, describes the reference number 44 as “water level sensor.”

“REACH” of S90 in Fig. 4 has been changed to “PASS” to correlate with the specification (page 13, line 18) corrected by this amendment.

An arrow has been designated to show the path from S110 to S120 to correlate with the specification which reads, at page 13, line 21 to page 14, line 1, as follows: “[i]f washing is not completed, the controller 38 determines whether the operating time of the circulation pump 88 has passed the predetermined time (S120).”

“NO” of S120 in Fig. 4 has been replaced by “YES.” “NO” has been added above S120 in Fig. 4 to designate the line going to the point before S100. By this amendment, “YES” and “NO” of S 120 in Fig. 4 correlate with the specification which reads, at page 14, lines 1-4, as follows: “If the predetermined time has passed, the controller 38 repeats the steps from S80 to S110. If the predetermined time has not passed, the controller 38 stops the circulation pump 88 during the predetermined time.”

“REACH” of S120 in Fig. 4 has been corrected to “PASS” to correlate with the specification which reads in page 14, line 1, “.... has passed the predetermined time (S120).” “OPERATING” of S120 in Fig. 4 has been corrected to “SUSPENDING” to correlate with the specification (page 14, line 1) corrected by this amendment.

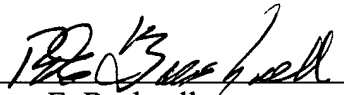
Thus, all of the amendments are supported in the original application. In addition, since the

amendments are to correct translation errors and the original application explicitly incorporates a Korean priority document by reference (page 1, lines 4 to 9 in the specification), the amendments to this application should not be considered as a new matter. (See MPEP §2163.07 II)

A letter to the Office Draftsman accompanies this response. Indication in subsequent Office correspondence of the acceptance to the drawing corrections proposed in the letter, is requested to enable applicant to timely arrange for the corrections to be made prior to the date for payment of any issue fee. No new matter was added.

No fee is incurred by filing this Preliminary Amendment.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph 0066 to read as follows:

1 **[0066]** Thereafter, the controller 38 determines whether the operating time of the circulation pump
2 88 [reaches] passes the predetermined time (S90). If it is determined that the predetermined time is
3 [reached] passed, the controller 38 transmits the stop signal to the circulation pump so as to stop the
4 circulation pump 88 (S100). After the circulation pump 88 stops operating, the controller 38
5 determines whether washing is completed (S110). If washing is not completed, the controller 38
6 determines whether the [operating] suspending time of the circulation pump 88 has passed the
7 predetermined time (S120). If the predetermined time has passed, the controller 38 repeats the steps
8 from S80 to S110. If the predetermined time has not passed, the controller 38 stops the circulation
9 pump 88 during the predetermined time.